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## NEWS RELEASE FORMER IRS EMPLOYEE GETS PROBATION, FINE AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

SALT LAKE CITY -- Susan M. Fisher, who worked for the IRS in Utah for 17 years, will serve 24 months of probation and pay a \$1,000 fine after pleading guilty in federal court to a misdemeanor count of filing a false tax return for the 2004 tax year.

Fisher was sentenced this morning by U.S. Magistrate Judge Brooke Wells.

In a plea agreement reached with federal prosecutors in July, Fisher admitted that she filed a 1040 tax return for the 2004 tax year that intentionally omitted income she had received. Fisher admitted she received approximately \$6,672 in alimony that she did not report to the IRS. Alimony is required to be reported on form 1040 tax returns. Knowing she had a legal duty to report the income, Fisher admitted she intentionally filed a false tax return.

Fisher, who has repaid the tax loss to the federal government, is no longer employed by the IRS.

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